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The County Fair

Next week is fair week and it is expected that Clovis will contain the largest crowd in its history on the 5 and 6 of October. District Court will also be in session and those in attendance will also swell the crowd. Sells-Floto and Buffalo Bill's Shows, the largest in the world, are coming for the first day of the fair which will also serve to bring many who might otherwise not come. The indications are that the number and character of the exhibits will excel anything of the kind ever assembled in Clovis and as the crops are good and the financial end of the program is ample for all purposes, there is nothing to prevent a big success except bad weather. The County fair will be a celebration of the most prosperous and successful year in every respect in this country in many seasons. It will be an educational show and practically all the schools in the county will be suspended for a couple of days during the fair. The large tent which has been used for the evangelistic meeting, has been secured for the accommodation of the live stock exhibitors as has also the large tent from the Seventh Day Adventists. Work is progressing rapidly on the big Elks auditorium and everything is about in readiness for the big show.

Sidewalks to be Built

It begins to look as though relief has come at last. At least there is some probability that citizens will not have to wade in mud over shoe top deep in crossing the streets in going to and from their homes from the business district. The News has been agitating the matter for some time and some of the property owners have recently laid good concrete walks around their property, but many were discouraged from building walks as long as the city failed to provide the proper street crossings. The city has, however, now called for bids for three foot arched concrete crossings, so that it is expected that Clovis will soon have crossings and as complete system of sidewalks as is necessary.

Central Market Sold

The Central Meat Market, one of the oldest and most reliable business establishments in the city, was sold the latter part of last week by Harry Highfill and L. H. Sanders to Ned Houck, Jim Woods and Perry Keown. The purchasers are all well known in this city and have been employed in business here for some time. Mr. Houck has been employed in the market for several years. Mr. Wood is employed with the Morris Grocery Company and Perry Keown is now in the employ of the Santa Fe, but was formerly employed with the Central and other markets. All three thoroughly understand the meat and grocery business and with their wide acquaintance it is not a speculative proposition to predict that they will make a success of the business. Sanders and Highfill will devote their attention to the stock business.

H. D. Ryther, formerly with the Portales News, has accepted a position with the News. Mr. Ryther has had over thirty years experience as a printer and publisher and we consider ourselves fortunate in securing his services.



"BUFFALO BILL"

So long as the Fountain of Youth keeps up its flow, Col. Wm. F. Cody, Buffalo Bill, is going to remain with us, ever, himself, a well spring of present entertainment and delightful reminiscence. Here he is with the Sells-Floto old-time circus directing his contingent of wild west attractions, strong, virile, splendid. Every parent owes it to the children that they shall see a show endorsed by the presence of Buffalo Bill. He is a big part of the history of the wonderful west that is the republic's most valuable future asset, in the way of agricultural, mineral and forestry resources. Col. Cody was a leader among the most prominent of the living pioneers of this mighty empire. His experiences read like bright and crisp romance. A child of today that is allowed to grow up without seeing Col. Cody will some day chide the person who is responsible for the oversight, besides, at the Sells-Floto show, there is so much more to see and enjoy for young, middle aged and old. Rosa Rosalind, for instance, the greatest horse woman in the world; Lucia Zona, the most fearless and most successful woman trainer of animals; the drills of the Western Zouaves, wonderful in their evolutions and all the harmonies of military perfection, in step, the manual of arms and bayonet exercises. The good old Wild West of Buffalo Bill, and the good, old time Sells-Floto circuses, isn't that a great treat to be given in one arena, in one afternoon, or evening? Well, rather. Remember, this is the new combination's first visit as a two-header in the arena line and at one price of admission for a double program that, in many respects, defies duplication as a certainty as that there is but one Sells-Floto circus and only one Col. W. F. Cody, Buffalo Bill.

Still It Rains

Heavy rains fell throughout this section Friday and Saturday which will put the ground in splendid condition for fall wheat planting. A large acreage is already planted in wheat in the northern and central part of the county and the recent rains will assure a good winter pasture. Forage crops are maturing slowly on account of the cool weather conditions which have prevailed for a couple of weeks.

A party of Clovis hunters expect to leave about the middle of next month for the mountains. One party will go in autos to the head of the Pecos above Vegas and another will drive from Fort Sumner to the Capitan Mountains.

Mutilate American Soldier

San Antonio, Texas, September 29.—The Carranza commander at Las Pelados, Mexico, headed the attacking party of Mexicans who crossed the Rio Grande on Friday night and engaged American troops in battle.

In the fighting Trooper Richard J. Johnson was captured. He was later shot to death and his body mutilated, the Mexicans taking his head and ears as souvenirs.

The information was given to the Southern department of the United States army by Capt. Frank R. McCoy who stated that a Mexican, Guadalupe Cueller, who was one of the attacking party, had given him the details in a sworn statement.

District Court Proceedings

District court convened Monday with Judge John T. McClure presiding, J. B. McGee court reporter, A. W. Hockenull district attorney and Miss M. C. Woods as Grand Jury reporter and district attorney stenographer. The grand jury was organized Monday and G. M. Bryan was appointed foreman. F. J. Linley was elected clerk. The grand jury adjourned Thursday noon after returning eleven true bills but warrants have not yet been served and the list is not available at this time.

The case of Ben Bechtel the contractor vs. The board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, on a change of venue, is on trial with Attorney H. B. Holt and G. B. Barber representing the defendants and Reid and Hervey and Patton and Bratton representing the plaintiff. Bechtel is suing for about \$15,000 damages which he alleges was sustained by him as a result of the action of the County Commissioners when he was erecting the Lincoln County Court house. The jury members selected are all from the county.

The murder trials of Len Cheshire who is charged with the killing of Sam Byers at Texico and T. M. Dickens, who is charged with the killing of A. S. Combs, the blacksmith, will probably come up at this term.

Attorney H. B. Holt, of Las Cruces, one of the leading lawyers of the state, is in the city several days this week as counsel for the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county in their suit in which Ben Bechtel is plaintiff, which is being tried here this week on change of venue. Mr. Bechtel was the contractor that built the Lincoln county court house and the consideration involved is quite large.

A farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. H. Schroeter, at the Elks lodge room, last Saturday evening, by their many friends. Dancing and refreshments were the order, and while the weather was inclement, still all who were there had a delightful time, and the expressions of sorrow in losing Mr. and Mrs. Schroeter were heard on all sides. Both have been extremely popular in the younger social set of the city since their residence here covering a year or more. Mr. Schroeter has been with the Santa Fe as civil engineer at this point, and is popular with the members of the department, and in fact with all. They leave for Marble Falls, Texas, where they will make their future home.

Over 50 People Killed at Ardmore

As a result of the explosion of a car of gasoline at the Ardmore, Oklahoma, depot, caused by a spark from a laborer's hammer, over fifty people were killed and a block in the heart of the city destroyed. A disastrous fire followed the explosion and the whole of the main street was soon a seething furnace. Over two hundred people were injured and a panic reigned supreme for some time before the fire was finally gotten under control. Some of the largest and most substantial buildings went down before the explosion as if made of pasteboard, and the burning liquid shot two hundred feet into the air and scattered over the city, setting many fires. The city has started an investigation to determine the responsibility, and it looks as though the damage will lie against the railroad company. Over a million property damage is reported.

Killed by Explosion

The news was brought to this city today of the accidental killing of George Meeks, at Melrose, Wednesday, as a result of an explosion of a tank which he was filling preparatory to a moving picture exhibition. He was with the George Meeks Comedy company, an overland moving picture concern that passed through Clovis several days ago in four wagons on their way to the Pacific coast. It is said that a portion of his head was blown off by the force of the explosion.

Abbey Sells Farm

W. H. Abby and family left Wednesday for Phoenix Arizona, having sold their farm and livestock to S. J. Boykin of this city. Mr. Abby has been a resident of Curry County for nine years and has demonstrated that farming in this country is successful. He is leaving here for health reasons. Dewey Abbey and wife are also leaving for Phoenix, where they will reside in the future.

Malone Buys Shop

The "Stag" barber shop on North Main Street, was sold by W. C. Chastain Friday to Fletcher Malone. Mr. Malone who has been employed in the Crane and Williams shop for several years, took charge of the shop Monday.

Bess Trimble Married

Miss Bess Trimble, who recently returned from Illinois and visited her mother near Claud, sprung a distinct surprise on her friends in Clovis last week by making public her marriage on April 9 last to Mr. Tom Townley of Mattoon, Illinois. "If they think I can't keep a secret," said Miss Trimble in speaking of her marriage, "they are mistaken." Mr. Townley came as far as Amarillo in his car where he was joined by Mrs. Townley and the two returned home together. The News extends congratulations.

Married

Lee Wilkins, of Clovis, and Miss Belva Legan were married on the 22nd at the home of the brides father, J. W. Legan at Bellview in the northern part of the county. They returned to Clovis this week, where they will make their home. Mr. Wilkins is employed at the Santa Fe shops.

Elks to Amarillo

A delegation of Clovis Elks, members of Clovis Lodge No. 1244, went to Amarillo Thursday, and Friday and in the street parade, captured the second prize, a handsome loving cup. This prize was awarded the Clovis delegation for "best in appearance"—credit to the ladies.

Although the weather was gloomy those who went up for Elks' day were Exalted Ruler J. O. Prichard, W. H. Duckworth, A. E. Curren, A. L. Gurley, John B. Morris, Bailey House, Thomas Davenport, Bill Mersfelder, Will Curren, E. A. Gurley, W. F. Dillon, A. B. Hubbard, Dr. R. R. Duncan, Fritz B. Herod, Will Tagader, H. R. Neal, Jack Rollins and others. The Clovis ladies were Mesdames Thos. Davenport, Harry Davenport, Fritz Herod, Wm. Mersfelder, Dr. Chapman, E. A. Gurley, and Misses Nanon Noble, Connie Crow and Adeline Brown. A lunch was given the delegates on their arrival and a dance at the Elks' club in the evening.

Sanitary Shop Sold

J. V. White, of Pampa, Texas, has purchased the Sanitary Barber Shop from Shorett and Cunningham and will take charge on the 4th. Mr. White will make some improvements in the shop and will cater only to the desirable trade. We have not learned what Shorett and Cunningham intend to do, but hope they will decide to remain in the best town in the southwest—Clovis.

Baptist Church

Next Sunday, October 3rd is, Baptist State Wide go-to-Sunday-School Day. Our aims are: Every possible pupil in our Sunday School, Every church member at Sunday School, Every Sunday School member at church service, A better Sunday School, An offering for State Missions.

We will have a reception of members at the 11 o'clock service. All persons who have given in their names during the revival meeting to become members of the Baptist Church are expected to be present to be received by the church. Also all others who are contemplating on joining soon are requested to unite with us at this time. Ordinance of baptism at the evening service.

Milton Reece, Pastor.

Episcopal Church

Rev. D. A. Sanford, Pastor. Morning service with Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Church and the Bible." Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Howden will be here on Sunday, October 17th.

Preaching services will continue the rest of this week in the Seventh Day Adventist tent and will close Sunday night. The following subjects are announced for the closing meetings. Friday night: "Under the Law or Under Grace, Which?" Saturday night: "The Sabbath in All Ages." Sunday night: "Prepare to Meet Thy God, O Israel." There will be preaching Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Lyceum continues to put up the best in "movies" that money can buy.

C. H. Griffin Dies

C. H. Griffin, who came to Clovis a couple of years ago, died Monday at his apartment in the Owen building where he and Mrs. Griffin resided. Although a sufferer from a supposedly incurable disease, he gradually improved for some time and was thought to be well on the road to recovery but a relapse occurred a few weeks ago, from which he never rallied and gradually grew worse until the end came. During the big stock feeding operations a couple of years ago, Mr. Griffin was manager of a stock farm east of the city and was making it a big success until the fire came that destroyed the stacks of forage stuff. Recently he has been conducting a saddle and harness shop on South Main street and was engaged in this business when the final summons came. With him at the end were his wife, sister Mrs. Jack Prichett and a brother, who resides in Albuquerque. The latter two accompanied the remains which were shipped from here Wednesday morning to his old home in Bainbridge, Georgia, where he will be laid tenderly to rest in the family cemetery.

Besides his wife, the deceased leaves two sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Jack Prichett, who resides here, Mrs. Clarence Griffin and Henderson Griffin, of Bainbridge, Georgia and George Griffin, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The deceased, who was forty years old, bore his suffering bravely and never complained. Many prominent citizens accompanied the body to the depot to pay their last respects to their fellow citizen.

Evangelist Meeting Closed

Evangelist, A. P. Lowrey and choir leader, T. W. Wilson closed their revival meetings here last Sunday night, after a three weeks' service, during which time they succeeded in securing many converts and greatly increased the Clovis church membership. About \$400.00 was subscribed for these workers. They went from here to Houston Texas, for a meeting.

First Methodist Church

October 3rd is the last Sunday of our Conference year. It is probable the pastor will not be returned to Clovis. We are anxious for everyone who can do so to attend both services Sunday. The meeting was a great success. More than fifty have given their names to join the Methodist Church. Let us have a big day.

J. H. Messer, Pastor.

Lyceum Sunday Evening

The Christian Church will hold its evening service at the Lyceum next Sunday (7:30 p. m.) Subject of the sermon will be: "What about the preacher who didn't take an active part in the recent revival?" You have heard him prosecuted. Is it not fair to hear his defence?

Sunday School Association

The New Mexico State Sunday School Association will meet at Roswell on Oct. 1, 2 and 3. A large number of delegates will go from all over the state and Clovis will be well represented. Miss Mary Knight, of Clovis, will address the convention on the subject of temperance. Other Clovisites will speak on different subjects. Federal Judge, William H. Pope is president of the association.